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Mother, Daughter Charged with Stealing Dog from Elderly Victim

A woman and her mother have been charged with stealing a dog from a 72-year-old man in Long Beach last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Erika Juarez Trujillo (dob 4/3/95) and Patricia Juarez (dob 3/13/69), both of South Gate, were charged with one felony count each of second-degree robbery and elder abuse.

Both pleaded not guilty to the charges yesterday and are scheduled to return on May 28 for a pre-hearing conference in Department SO1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

The victim was walking the 3-year-old Maltese-Yorkshire terrier mix when Trujillo allegedly pushed the victim, grabbed the dog and fled in a car driven by Juarez, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, both defendants face a possible maximum sentence of six years in state prison.

Case NA111814 remains under investigation by the Long Beach Police Department.

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